

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF

PROPOSITION 18

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PROPOSITION 18 WILL NOT FIX CALIFORNIA'S WATER PROBLEMS.

It's so flawed that the governor and other supporters even tried to take it off the ballot.

NEWSPAPERS SAID SCRAP IT AND START OVER.

The *Orange County Register* said, "It would be better to pull this badly flawed measure from the ballot permanently."

The *Press Enterprise* said, "Merely pushing the bond back two years will not improve a measure awash in unnecessary spending... the measure is bloated with billions of dollars for projects that have little to do with the state's crucial water needs."

The *San Jose Mercury News* said, "The political decision last fall to add \$2 billion in pork made the \$11.1 billion bond all but impossible to pass, even in good times."

PROPOSITION 18 DOES NOT PROTECT TAXPAYERS. It allows an unelected council of governor appointees to make decisions about water and infrastructure without any real oversight. This includes wasting taxpayers' money on special interest boondoggles that will cost billions of dollars, hurt our family farms, damage the fragile Delta environment and produce no new water.

LET'S USE MONEY ALREADY APPROVED BY VOTERS. Just 4 years ago voters approved almost \$10 billion in water-related bonds – including the largest water bond ever. Over 1/3 of that money – more than \$3 billion – has NOT been spent. Let's spend this money now to improve our levees and create jobs.

Vote NO on Proposition 18 and tell the politicians to get back to work on real solutions that address California's future water needs.

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